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STATE FOR AF/E, OLIVER GRIFFITH

E.O. 12356: DECL:OADR
TAGS: PREL, FR, RW, TZ
SUBJECT: THE GOT STRUGGLES WITH A POSITION ON THE
- FRENCH INITIATIVE IN RWANDA

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 3931

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THE GOT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FORMULATE ITS OFFICIAL
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POSITION ON THE FRENCH INTERVENTION IN RWANDA ALTHOUGH
SENIOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN MEETING ON
THE MATTER AMONG THEMSELVES AND WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR
MUCH OF THE WEEK.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER
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AS LATE AS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 24, THE MFA DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT SAID FOREIGN MINISTER RWEGASIRA WAS REVIEWING THE MATTER WITH PRESIDENT MWINYI. EARLIER TODAY, THE AFRICA DIRECTOR INFORMED THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT STATE HOUSE IS DECIDING WHETHER THE GOT STAND SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED VIA A COMMUNIQUE OR A BRIEFING TO SELECT MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. (NOTE: IF PAST PRACTICE IS ANY INDICATION, THE GOT MAY OPT FOR THE LOWER-PROFILE DIPLOMATIC BRIEFING WHICH COULD BE CALLED AT ANY TIME. AT COB JUNE 24, MFA PRINCIPAL SECRETARY (P/S) PHONED CHARGE TO CONFIRM THAT THE GOT IS STILL FORMULATING ITS POSITION BUT OFFERED TO MEET WITH CHARGE MONDAY MORNING. THE P/S DID REITERATE THE GOT'S AGREEMENT THAT THE KILLINGS MUST END IMMEDIATELY (REF), ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.N. SHOULD NOT BE UNDERMINED)

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4. BESIDES THE P/S REMARKS, THE ONLY HINT OF GOT THINKING ON THE FRENCH INITIATIVE HAS BEEN AN EDITORIAL PUBLISHED JUNE 20 IN THE RULING PARTY'S DAILY KISWAHILI PAPER, "UHURU." THE EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "WHAT IS FRANCE'S AIM?," DESCRIBES THE FRENCH PLAN AS SURPRISING AND ILL-TIMED. THE EDITORIAL'S AUTHORS QUESTION WHY FRANCE DOES NOT SIMPLY JOIN THE EXPANDED UNAMIR EFFORT IF, AS IT CLAIMS, IT WANTS TO END THE KILLING IN RWANDA. THE EDITORIAL RECALLS FRANCE'S HISTORICAL INVOLVEMENT IN RWANDA AND SUGGESTS THE FRENCH ACTION MAY ONLY ADD TO PROBLEMS AND CAUSE THE SITUATION TO ESCALATE. THE ARTICLE URGES FRANCE TO JOIN ONGOING U.N. EFFORTS "IF IT TRULY" ENTERTAINS GOOD INTENTIONS IN RWANDA.

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